1	2	3	4	5
9	Haryana	147.6	112.3	315.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	130.6	126.5	116.5
11	Jammu & Kashmir	21.5	31.3	21.2
12	Jharkhand	84.0	354.4	191.4
13	Karnataka	227.7	202.9	164.9
14	Kerala	434.9	437.9	414.4
15	Madhya Pradesh	399.6	419.7	383.2
16	Maharashtra	573.1	831.1	773.9
17	Manipur	11.7	38.4	15.6
18	Meghalaya	9.1	11.3	10.5
19	Mizoram	3.9	6.1	1.9
20	Nagaland	7.6	15.3	11.0
21	Orissa	127.1	149.2	244.3
22	Punjab	84.4	92.3	83.7
23	Rajasthan	145.9	235.0	209.6
24	Sikkim*	—	—	—
25	Tamil Nadu	467.9	441.5	595.8
26	Tripura	36.5	18.4	16.2
27	Uttaranchal	96.6	39.5	62.0
28	Uttar Pradesh	381.1	463.2	306.5
29	West Bengal	433.3	373.9	347.0
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.5	5.9	7.9
31	Chandigarh	12.6	9.0	9.0
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.5	0.4	0.7
33	Daman & Diu	1.2	0.7	0.7
34	Lakshadweep	1.0	1.2	0.8
35	Pondicherry	16.1	14.5	16.8
	TOTAL:	5064.0	5462.5	5373.0

NOTE: 1.*No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
2. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Reduction of Interest on P.F.

976. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to reduce the rate of interest of Provident Fund during the year 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) & (b) The Central Government determines the rate of interest in consultation with the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund. The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund in its meeting held on 21.11.2005 had deliberated on the issue of rate of interest for the year 2005-06. However, as the discussions were inconclusive, it was unanimously decided to deliberate further in the next meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (EPF) to finalise the matter.

Bungling in flood/famine relief work

977. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year reports of bungling in Muster Rolls during flood/famine relief works are reported and officials and contractors in the name of poor labourers siphon off large sums of money; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to curb such corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pension and other benefits to the employees working in labour commissioner office, Indore

†978. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after reinstating the people, who had been removed from service having 20 years in service and at age of 50 years in office of labour commissioner, Indore, their pay have been fixed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether pensions have not been given to the people who have retired during this period and other benefits also have not been given; and

(d) the reason for this delay and by when other benefit and pension would be given, and the details thereof?

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†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.